

5 Steamers On Bay Runs Taken by U.S.

Washington Line Left 1 Boat; Baltimore 2; Virginia Lee Goes

The War Shipping Administration yesterday took over five river and bay steamers plying between Norfolk and Washington, Norfolk and Baltimore and Norfolk and Cape Charles.

The steamers Southland and Northland, of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; the President Warfield and Yorktown, of the Old Bay Line, and the Virginia Lee, of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Norfolk-Cape Charles ferry, were the vessels involved.

From Washington came a statement relative to the taking of the Southland and Northland, but nothing was said from that quarter about the Virginia Lee and the President Warfield and Yorktown.

The War Shipping Administration stated that the Northland and Southland would be used "for war purposes."

It was announced at the headquarters of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company at Washington that the company would continue to maintain steamboat service between this city and the National Capital but would operate only one vessel, the District of Columbia.

The schedule, which formerly provided daily sailings from both Norfolk and Washington, will be reduced to every other day. The steamer will leave Washington on the even days of the month and Norfolk on the odd days.

The Southland became Government property yesterday but the Northland will make one more trip to the two cities. She will leave Norfolk this afternoon on her last trip from this city and will be taken over by the Government in Washington tomorrow.

There was no information available as to when the President Warfield and Yorktown will be taken over. It was learned, however, that the Government will permit the Bay Line to operate the steamers City of Norfolk and City of Richmond, which formerly were operated by the Chesapeake Steamship Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Railway. This line was consolidated with the Old Bay Line a short time ago.

This is the second time the Government has raided the Bay Line fleet, taking two ships on each occasion. The steamers State of Maryland and State of Virginia, two of the company's best vessels, were taken over last March.

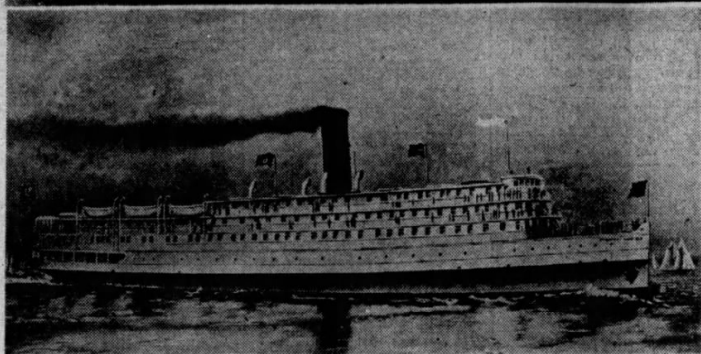
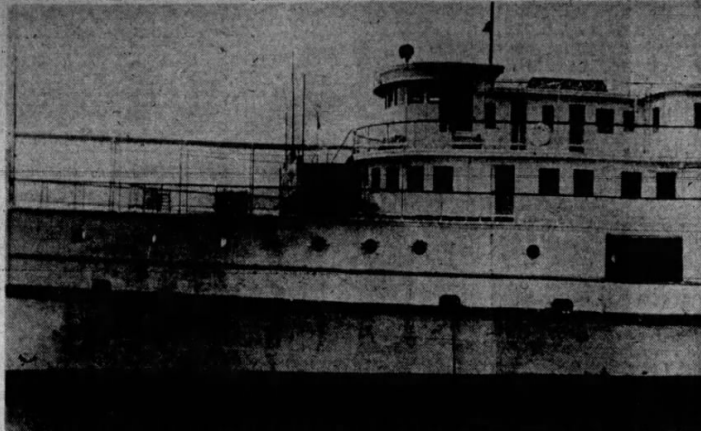
The Virginia Lee is one of the fastest vessels operating in the Norfolk harbor. She was known on the waterfront as the "Speedy Miss Lee." She has been operating between Norfolk and Cape Charles since 1928, the year she left the yard of her builders.

The Virginia Lee was built at Quincy, Mass., and is of 2,158 gross tons and 291 feet long. She is to be succeeded on the Norfolk-Cape Charles run by the steamer Maryland which is of only 1,369 gross tons and 249 feet, 5 inches long. She was built in 1907 at Sparrows Point, Md.

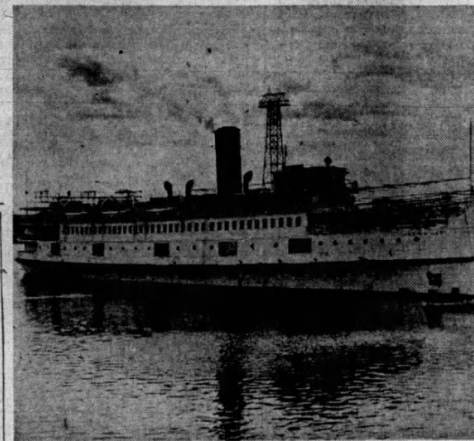
The District of Columbia was built in 1925 at Wilmington, Del., and is much newer than the Northland and Southland. The latter was built in 1908 at Newport News. The

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Three of Five Bay Boats Taken Over by U. S.



Three of the five ships which have served Norfolk for many years, carrying thousands and thousands of passengers to and from the North, which have been taken over by the Government. Top is the Northland, which with its sister ship, the Southland, of the Norfolk and Washington Line, was taken over; Center is the President Warfield, queen of the Baltimore fleet, and below the Virginia Lee, Pennsylvania Railroad Ferry to Cape Charles.



June Warmest In Eight Years

Little Rain in Norfolk, But Only Five Days Listed as Clear

The meteorological summary for June, released yesterday by Maj. J. J. Murphy, shows the month was the hottest of the name since 1934.

The mean for the month was 77.3, compared with a normal of 74.4. Despite the fact that there was only 1.23 of an inch of rain during the entire month, there were only five days listed as clear out of the 30 June contains. Fifteen days were listed as partly cloudy and 10 as cloudy. There was light fog on June 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 and 12 and dense fog June 3, 9, 10 and 12.

There were ten thunderstorms, most of them rainless, during the month, and no severe windstorms. The warmest day was June 21, when the mercury soared to 98 degrees, and the coolest was June 25, when only 64 degrees were recorded.

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A Fifth Columnist Looks Like Anything But Fifth Columnist, FBI Agent Tells Kiwanians

Club Members Are Asked By Hennrich to Lend Aid to G-Men

The fifth columnist doesn't advertise his role, but affects an attitude of staunch loyalty, Carl E. Hennrich, agent in charge of the

State Population Of 3 Million Seen In 1950 Wartime

Richmond, July 9.—(P)—Dr. Lorin A. Thompson, director of the State Planning Board's population study, estimated to

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